GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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CHILDREN CODE BILL , 2000
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a special Expert Committee chaired by Shri V.R.Krishna Iyer has prepared the Children Code Bill, 2000, tobe presented in Parliament;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the circumstances leading to the formation of the Expert Committee?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN)

(a) The Children's Code Bill, 2000 was prepared by an Expert Committee, headed by Justice Krishna Iyer, facilitated by UNICEF, India Country Office. A s the Committee was not appointed by Government of India, the Bill is not proposed to be presented to Parliament.

(b) The Children's Code Bill, 2000 contains the provisions ofthe Convention on the Rights of the Child, special provisions relating to girl child, the proposed National Commission for Children including the State Commissionsfor Children, provision for free and compulsory elementary education, provision regarding health and nutrition, child rights against economic exploitation and abuse, protection and care of children, appointment of officers and establishment of institutions, special provisions for disabled children, adoption of children through child welfare agencies, offences and penalties, children's courts and other child related issues.

(c) UNICEF has informed that as mandated by the Convention orthe Rights of the Child (CRC), which wasratified by India, and as a follow up on the CRC Committee's observations on the First India Report on CRC implementation, UNICEF facilitated the formation of the Expert National Committee to review how the spirit of the CRC could be best incorporated into India's domestic legislation.